

## Message Text

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ACTION PM-04

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CINCPAC HONOLULU

C O N F I D E N T I A L CANBERRA 4792

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

EO 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MARA, ETRN, AS  
SUBJECT: ALP NATIONAL CONFERENCE SUPPORTS CONSTRUCTION OF AN OMEGA  
STATION IN AUSTRALIA

REF: 76 CANBERRA 8543

1. ON JULY 8 THE ALP NATIONAL CONFERENCE ENDORSED A  
REPORT FROM ITS FOREIGN POLICY AND DEFENSE COMMITTEE (PRE-  
VIOUSLY ENDORSED BY THE ALP'S FEDERAL EXECUTIVE, SEE REFTEL)  
TO PERMIT AN OMEGA STATION TO BE CONSTRUCTED IN AUSTRALIA.  
THE VOTE WAS 22-21. THE CONFERENCE APPROVAL OF OMEGA IS  
RESTRICTED AS FOLLOWS:

A) THE STATION WOULD BE OWNED AND CONTROLLED BY  
THE GOA.

B) THE STATION WOULD BE CONSTRUCTED, CONTROLLED,  
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OPERATED AND STAFFED BY PERSONNEL APPOINTED BY AND  
RESPONSIBLE TO THE GOA.

2. ALP PRESIDENT AND ROBERT HAWKE, OPPOSITION LEADER GOUGH  
WHITLAM, AND SHADOW DEFENSE MINISTER BILL HAYDEN GAVE THE  
STRONGEST SUPPORT TO OMEGA. THE CLOSENESS OF THE VOTE WAS  
ONLY BECAUSE THREE DELEGATIONS, CONTAINING 18 MEMBERS,

(VICTORIA, TASMANIA AND WESTERN AUSTRALIA) WERE BOUND  
BY THEIR STATE BRANCHES TO OPPOSE OMEGA. OF THE REMAINING  
25 UNBOUND DELEGATES, ONLY THREE VOTED AGAINST.

3. COMMENT: WHILE THIS VOTE WILL NOT PREVENT LEFT-WING  
UNIONS FROM OPPOSINT CONSTRUCTION O THE OMEGA STATION,  
IT WILL MAKE THEIR OBSTRUCTIONIST TACTICS MORE DIFFICULT.  
IT SHOULD ALSO LEAD TO GOA'S RAPID SIGNING OF THE AGREEMENT.  
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